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SUBJECT: CRICKET BREAKFAST SERVES UP FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH
ALLEN STANFORD

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Classified By: Ambassador Mary E. Kramer for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary: Ambassador Kramer met controversial Texan billionaire Allen Stanford for the first time at an April 21 "Legends of Cricket" breakfast at the Barbados Hilton, Ambassador Kramer found herself seated at the head table, along with

Stanford's Expanding Empire

13. (C) This chance encounter was the first time the Ambassador had met Stanford. In response to the Ambassador's question about his business ventures,

Caribbean Star Set to Expand

14. (C) Stanford's second big venture in the Caribbean is investment in new airplanes for his Caribbean Star airline. (Note: The recent Federal Reserve report on the

PM Arthur on President Bush...

15. (C) Prime Minister Arthur was very cordial, seeking out the Ambassador for conversation. At the breakfast table, he expounded upon the free market and move on to talk about something we can actually accomplish together."

...And Energy Issues

16. (C) Another table topic was PM Arthur's belief that it is critical the United States provide leadership and make some specific statements regarding

Comments

17. (C) Embassy officers do not reach out to Stanford because of the allegations of bribery and money laundering. The Ambassador managed to state that

18. (C) PM Arthur's desire for bold U.S. leadership on energy echoes the commitments he made to help reduce his country's fuel import bill via